

REMARKS

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11181.0027.NPUS00/BNT.

Election requirement

The Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a specific peptide by its SEQ ID NO:. Applicant elects peptide FLAK17C (SEQ ID NO:43). Applicant notes that this selection of a peptide is not a species election.

Additionally, Applicant maintains that the patent application discloses a class of peptides defined by their length and sequence characteristics. As such, Applicant does not believe that the peptides should be examined on a peptide-by-peptide basis.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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